CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MAY 4, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for

1) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code.** Agro-Jal Farming Enterprises, et al. v. Engel & Gray, et al. Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 18CV01288.

INVOCATION
Pastor Scott Campbell of South Valley Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Acting Planning Manager Dana Eady, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Interim Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that instructions were provided to legal counsel regarding the Closed Session item.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing May 22, 2021, as **ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE DAY OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**. Kevin Walthers accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing May 2 - 8, 2021, as **COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK**. Bob Engel, of Engel & Gray, accepted the Proclamation.

C. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 9-16, 2021, as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and proclaiming Wednesday, May 12, 2021, as **PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY**. Sgt. Jesus Valle accepted the Proclamation.

D. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2021, as **WATER AWARENESS MONTH**. The Proclamation was forwarded to the Utilities Department.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Laurie Tamura expressed concern about some of the fees being proposed in the User Fee Update (Consent Calendar Item 3F) and requested a citizens advisory committee be established to oversee the policy.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3F (User Fees) was pulled for discussion and a separate vote. Councilmember Escobedo commented that he thought having a blanket 50 percent raise to all fees was not practical.

Councilmember Soto questioned where the 50 percent came from given that an in-depth analysis had been conducted and specific recommendations had been provided.

Consent Calendar Item 3F (User Fees) was approved and adopted as Resolution No. 2021-43. The recorded vote appears with this item below.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G (except 3F) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-41, 2021-42, and 2021-44. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 20, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt Resolutions approving: 1) the Public Services activities and allocations under the Community Development Block Grant Program incorporated in the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and 2) the Capital Development activities and allocations under the Community Development Block Grant Program incorporated in the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Action: CDBG Public Service and Capital allocations approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2021-41 and 2021-42. 5-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving Citywide User Fees in furtherance of Resolution No. 2021-39.

Action: Citywide User Fees adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-43. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto.

G. Adopt a Resolution to establish a no stopping zone on East Alvin Avenue.

Action: No stopping zone on East Alvin Avenue approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-44. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.** The City Council reviewed a recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Zoning Text Amendment (Z2020-0001) to amend Chapter 12-56, Accessory Dwelling Units of Title 12 of the City of Santa Maria Municipal Code.

At its regular meeting of August 19, 2020, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 (Absent: Commissioner Dickerson) to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed text amendments which represent the minimum standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) imposed by the State legislation.

Acting Planning Manager Eady gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m., and having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending Chapter 12-56 of Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Z2020-0001.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2021-03. 3-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Waterfield.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **CURRENT STATE OF HOMELESSNESS AND PHASE II COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.** The City Council received a presentation from the County of Santa Barbara on the current state of homelessness in Santa Barbara County; and considered approving the County of Santa Barbara's Phase II Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness.

Community Programs Manager Rojo introduced Lucille Boss, Senior Housing Programs Specialist with the County of Santa Barbara, who gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
There were no requests to speak.

Action: Receive a presentation from the County of Santa Barbara on homelessness in Santa Barbara County; and adopt a Resolution approving the County of Santa Barbara's Phase II Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-45. 5-0.

B. **AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021 GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.** The City Council considered authorizing the receipt of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant Program Funds. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

1. The receipt and appropriation of funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Program; and
2. The use of Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Program funds to:
    a. Reimburse costs incurred and revenue lost as a result of COVID-19;
    b. Invest this one-time funding in projects that can be completed in the required timeline and increase ongoing revenue or reduce ongoing costs;
    c. Strengthen the City's financial position to prepare for future fiscal emergencies; and
3. Direct staff to create, and return to City Council for review and authorization, a Grant-funded at-will limited-term Class of full-time and part-time positions to be utilized for the hiring of additional personnel to do work on the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Program projects.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-46. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be May 18, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the Central Coast Community Energy Update and the 3rd Quarter Financial Report.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the retirement celebration of Bruce Corsaw, Executive Director with SEIU.

Councilmember Soto had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a CCWA briefing and Board of Directors meeting and a meeting with a Depot Street constituent. She also announced that May 6th would be the "National Day of Prayer" event.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Quarterly Schools Meeting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Quarterly Schools Meeting; the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force meeting; the California Cities Mayors Roundtable; a meeting with the Transitions Mental Health Association; a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting; and a County Legislative briefing.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on May 18, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

5/21/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria